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ONE GEORGES HANDLINER.

CAME IN YESTERDAY AFTER-NOON. NO ARRIVALS HERE THIS MORNING.

The morning was rather a quiet and dismal one along the water front, no off shore arrivals being reported during the early part of the forenoon.

Sch. Claudia came in from Georges yesterday with 20,000 pounds of salt cod and 2000 pounds of halibut. The gill netters had another good day of fishing, although the catch was not up to the preceding day. About 30,000 pounds in all was brought in, steamers F. S. Willard having 3500 pounds, the Ibsen 3000 pounds, Quoddy 3300 pounds, Enterprise 3000 pounds and Nomad, 4300 pounds.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Claudia, Georges, 20,000 lbs. salt cod, 2000 lbs. halibut.
- Steamer Ibsen, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Alice, gill netting, 1300 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Quoddy, gill netting, 3300 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Eagle, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 700 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Mindora, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Rough Rider, gill netting, 2200 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Margaret D., gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer F. S. Willard, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Prince Olaf, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Nomad, gill netting, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Enterprise, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Bethulia, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Venture, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.
- Steamer Hopc, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Massachusetts, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh cod.
- Sch. Manomet, shore.
- Sch. Rebecca, shore.
- Sch. Stranger, shore.
- Sch. Georgiana, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

No sailings today.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

- Handline Georges codfish, large \$5 per cwt., medium, \$4.50, snappers, \$3.
- Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75, mediums, \$4.25.
- Haddock, \$1.50.
- Pollock, \$1.50.
- Cusk large, \$2.50, medium, \$2, snappers, \$1.50.
- Hake, \$1.50.

Fresh Fish.

- Haddock, \$1 per cwt.
- Peak cod, large, \$2.15, medium, \$1.75, snappers, 75 cts.
- Western cod, large, \$2.25, mediums, \$1.85 snappers, 75 cts.
- All codfish not gilled, 10 cts. per 100 pounds less than the above.
- Cusk, large, \$1.50, medium, \$1.20, snappers, 60 cts.
- Bank halibut, 9c per lb. for white and 7c for gray.

Bait Prices.

- Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.
- Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.75 to \$3.25 per cwt.
- Shore frozen herring, \$2 to \$3 per bbl.
- Frozen squid, \$3.75 per cwt.

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Secured Cod Eggs.

Over five million cod eggs were secured last week from the fishermen along the coast by the U. S. fish commission steamer Gannet. The weather of late has not been favorable for the securing of the desired supplies, but Capt. Greenleaf is looking for better results following the warmer weather.

Portland Fish Notes.

The netters are still landing small fares off Portland, for all the steamer Carrie and Mildred had Monday was 1500 pounds of mixed fish.

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Clams Washed Shore.

Hundreds of bushels of clams were washed ashore at Horse Neck Beach, New Bedford, during the fierce gale that raged along the south shore recently. In some places along the beach there were long windrows of clams as far as 150 feet from the water. Residents in the neighborhood were out in force next day collecting the clams. People came in farm wagons, tipcars, lumber gears and even automobiles, and for a time there was a wild scramble for the best heaps of clams, it is said.

Digby Fish Notes.

Capt. Harry Ross, of the fishing sch. Dorothy M. Smart, of Digby, N. S., has retired to command the Effie M. Morrisey, and he is succeeded by Capt. Arthur Longmire, of the Myrtle I. In taking the Morrisey, Capt. Ross succeeds Capt. Ansel Snow, who is now sailing the Loran B. Snow. The Morrisey is of American register and Capt. Ross will be able to dispose of his catches in the American markets.

Sch. Cavalier's Big Stock.

Sch. Cavalier, Capt. Robert Porper, made the splendid stock of \$3911.61 on her recent halibut trip, the crew clearing \$83.07 to a man. This is one of the big stocks of the winter in the fresh halibut fishery.

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BIGGEST TRIPS OF THE SEASON.

AND MANY OF THEM AT T WHARF EARLY THIS MORNING.

Haddock and cod were in abundance at T wharf, Boston, this morning as the result of a number of monster fares brought in by the off shore fleet.

The biggest trip of the season is that of sch. Walter P. Goulart of this port, her haul being for 140,000 pounds, evenly divided in haddock and cod. Some of the other big fellows are schs. Mary F. Curtis, 120,000 pounds, Walter P. Goulart, 72,000 pounds, Slade Gorton, 115,000 pounds, James W. Parker, 86,000 pounds, Adeline, 90,000 pounds, Rob Roy, 58,000 pounds, and the steam trawlers Ripple and Foam with 54,000 and 72,000 pounds each.

Prices dropped from yesterday, consequently some of the crafts will undoubtedly bring a portion of their fares here to the splitters.

Haddock was quoted at \$1.60 to \$3.50 a hundred weight, large cod, \$2.50 to \$3.50, market cod, \$2, and hake, \$2 to \$4.

Boston Arrivals.

- The fares and prices in detail are:
- Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 17,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.
- Sch. Mary P. Goulart, 70,000 haddock, 70,000 cod.
- Sch. Rob Roy, 42,000 haddock, 16,000 cod.
- Sch. Adeline, 45,000 haddock, 45,000 cod.
- Sch. Georgia, 10,000 haddock, 34,000 cod.
- Sch. James W. Parker 50,000 haddock, 35,000 cod.
- Str. Foam, 43,000 haddock, 29,000 cod.
- Sch. Slade Gorton, 60,000 haddock, 55,000 cod.
- Sch. Azorian, 800 haddock, 2700 cod.
- Sch. Emily Sears, 3500 haddock, 7000 cod.
- Str. Ripple, 48,000 haddock, 6000 cod.
- Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 60,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
- Sch. Mary F. Curtis 75,000 haddock, 44,000 cod.
- Haddock, \$1.60 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50 to \$3.50; market cod, \$2; hake, \$2 to \$4.

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Bought Fishing Steamer.

Capt. William B. McDonald has purchased the steamer R. J. Kellick of Portland, Maine, which will be fitted for the pollock seining under command of Capt. Solomon Jacobs. Later the craft will shift over to mackerel seining and this coming fall will engage in gill netting. Capt. Jacobs has gone to Eastport to bring the craft here.

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FISH DOWN HERE TO SPLIT.

BIG CARGO OF SALT COD IN BRITISH BOTTOM FROM ROSE BLANCHE.

It was quite active along the water front this morning, quite a fleet from off shore and several crafts which came down from Boston being in.

Sch. Mary E. Harty from Georges handlining trip has 30,000 pounds of salt cod. Of the fresh fish arrivals are schs. Ingomar from Georges with 55,000 pounds, Mary DeCosta with 50,000 pounds, and Mildred Robinson, 20,000 pounds, the two latter down from Boston.

During the morning the British sch. Ambition arrived from Rose Blanche, N. F., with a cargo of 448,000 pounds of salt cod for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

There was nothing doing among the gill netters yesterday, the entire fleet remaining inside on account of the stormy weather.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Mildred Robinson, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Mary E. Harty, Georges, handlining, 30,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Ingomar, Georges, 55,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Morning Star, via Boston
- Sch. Mary DeCosta, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Br. sch. Ambition, Rose Blanche, N. F., 448,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Rita A. Viator, via Boston.
- Sch. Actor, via Boston.
- Sch. Mary B. Greer, via Boston.
- Sch. Edith Silveria, via Boston.
- Sch. Frances S. Grueby, via Boston.
- Sch. Jorgina, via Boston.
- Sch. Avalon, via Portland.

Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Teazer, halibuting.
- Sch. Selma, halibuting.
- Sch. Cavalier, halibuting.
- Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, haddocking.
- Sch. Jorgina, haddocking.
- Sch. Harvard, Georges.
- Sch. N. A. Rowe, cod netting.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

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- Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75, mediums, \$4.25.
- Haddock, \$1.50.
- Pollock, \$1.50.
- Cusk large, \$2.50, medium, \$2, snappers, \$1.50.
- Hake, \$1.50.

Fresh Fish.

- Haddock, \$1 per cwt.
- Peak cod, large, \$2.15, medium, \$1.75, snappers, 75 cts.
- Western cod, large, \$2.25, mediums, \$1.85 snappers, 75 cts.
- All codfish not gilled, 10 cts. per 100 pounds less than the above.
- Cusk, large, \$1.50, medium, \$1.20, snappers, 60 cts.
- Bank halibut, 9c per lb. for white and 7c for gray.

Bait Prices.

- Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.
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- Frozen squid, \$3.75 per cwt.

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Brought In Four Anchors

Four 600-pound anchors dragged up from Georges shoal were brought to T wharf yesterday by the steam trawler Swell. The anchors were secured last Monday, after considerable damage had been done to gear. About \$100 will be realized from sale of the mud-hooks, which originally belonged to fishing vessels.

Has Pig Iron.

Sch. Ella Clifton, which arrived here yesterday, brings a load of pig iron for E. L. Rowe & Sons.

Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Margie Turner is at Portland with 8000 pounds of halibut.

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OUT AROUND THE MAGDALENS.

Out in the middle of the Gulf of St. Lawrence where the ocean waves dash over them for five months of the year so fiercely as to close all communication with the mainland except by cable, lie the Magdalen Islands. Nine out of every 10 Canadians, says "Wide World Magazine," have never even heard of them, and the other one remembers dimly that he encountered the name at school in the list of Canadian islands. Nine out of 10 of the islanders themselves have never been farther from their birthplace than the trips to the fishing grounds, and the 10th has gone no farther than Pictou, or on a long-to-be-remembered trip as far as Halifax or Quebec.

Seventy miles to the southwest lies Prince Edward Island; Cape Breton is the same distance southeast; Newfoundland's rough coast faces them 100 miles east. From away to the north the wild waves crash down unopposed from the forbidding shores of Labrador 300 miles distant. During about five months of the year, and then only twice a week, is there any opportunity for the islander to see the outside world. For the remainder the sea runs with a consistent wildness known only to this region, and the hundred miles or more of coastline shows the wrecks that have marked with failure the puny attempts of man to combat the elements.

In the midst of all this fierceness of nature live 7000 French Acadians and 1000 English, in a quaintness and quietness of life that is truly remarkable. And year by year the population increases until even now the land is overcrowded with a people reluctant to obey the demands of nature and get out into the wider world. There are 13 islands in all, nine of which are connected at low tide by a treacherous beach, which it is possible to drive over with the guidance of one who knows the quicksands and tides. Fifty-three miles from north to south makes an island of respectable size.

Then farther north, lies Byron Island, a summer fishing station leased and peopled by a merchant on the main islands, but almost deserted in winter. Ten miles still farther is the famous Bird Rock, watched over only by millions of birds and the lighthouse keeper and his wife, with two assistants.

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THE GULF ICE CONDITIONS.

The following bulletin shows the ice conditions and weather in the Gulf Monday, March 3:

Anticosti, West Point and South-West Point—N. E. wind, but no ice.

South Point, Heath Point, Point Armour and Belle Isle—No communication today.

Cape Ray—Cloudy, strong easterly wind, no ice.

Flat Point—Clear, strong, westerly wind; heavy close packed ice distant, moving southeast.

Magdalen Islands—Cloudy, strong, northeast wind; heavy, close packed ice everywhere; moving south.

St. Paul's Island—Cloudy, strong northeast wind; heavy close packed ice everywhere, stationary.

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THE WALKER IS ALL RIGHT.

TURNED UP AT SANTIAGO TUESDAY SAFE AND ALL WELL ON BOARD.

The arrival at Santiago, Cuba, Tuesday of the schooner Ned P. Walker, sets at rest reports that the vessel had met disaster. The Walker sailed from Boston three weeks ago, carrying an expedition that will undertake to recover treasure and valuable metals from Admiral Cervera's warships sunk during the recent war.

PORTLAND FISH NOTES.

Fleet Is Finding Fish Scarce And But Few Trips Are Being Landed.

Fish are decidedly few off the coast of Portland. Vessels that ordinarily bring in 10,000, 12,000 and 15,000 pounds are rarely securing more than 4000 pounds. And this, too, when some of them are fishing 12 dories.

What the cause is the fishermen are at a loss to say. They know that they are not catching the fish they have in the late winter of years past. Even the netters are getting but few, when usually by the middle of March their fares are decidedly worthy of mention.

Many of the local fleet came into the harbor Tuesday. But they had unusually small fares, about one-third or one-fourth what they usually catch. The trips reported were: Carrie and Mildred, 2000; Albert W. Black, 8000; Hockmbeck 4000; Angle B. Watson 6000; Fannie Hayden 3000; Fanny Reed 4000; A. P. Parkhurst 1000; Lochinvar 2000.

A large fleet of fishing boats, which have been frozen up all winter at the head of Long wharf, have been thawed out within a few days, and Smith & Langmaid, the well known machinists on that wharf, are being kept busy in overhauling their engines and getting them in shape for business. They have just installed an 11 horse power Casco engine in John Griffin's 30 foot motor boat, and the owner claims to have the fastest fishing boat in the harbor, easily making 12 miles an hour with his new rig. He has cleaned out all the boats which he has come in contact with the past few days, including a number of the fastest ones down the coast. Smith & Langmaid have also just installed at Harpswell an 11 horse power engine in the pleasure boat Vim, belonging to Lyman K. Eddy of Boston, who has a summer cottage at that place.

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WILL NOW BUILD THREE VESSELS.

WOULD BUILD MANY MORE IF BEAM TRAWL MEASURE WAS DECIDED.

It is understood that plans are being contemplated for increasing the already large fleet of Portuguese crafts, which include some of the flyers of this port and three new vessels of up-to-date model and equipment of the latest up-to-date design will be started.

The operations of the T wharf fleet of beam trawlers and the prospect of others being constructed, should the New England vessels interests fail to get legislation through Congress that will eradicate this mode of fishing and marketing of their catches in American markets, has hampered the plans for more extensive building among the Portuguese skippers. It is said that plans for the laying of keels of no less than six flyers are hung up, until the anti-beam trawling measure has been decided.

Showed An Increase.

According to government figures, the value of fish exported from this country to the Philippines increased from \$63,227 to \$428,453 between 1908 and 1911.

Ready for Maiden Trip.

The new sch. Mary F. Sears, Capt. Joseph Sears, is ready for her maiden trip and expects to sail for Georges tomorrow on a fresh haddocking trip.

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TRIPS DOWN FROM BOSTON.

Sch. Juno from Georges with 70,000 pounds of fresh fish was the only off shore arrival here this forenoon, although there were several of the fleet which were at Boston yesterday that came down here to dispose of their fares to the splitters on account of no market at the former port.

Among the arrivals from Boston are schs. Adeline, 30,000 pounds; Walter P. Goulart, 40,000 pounds; Mary P. Goulart, 80,000 pounds; Slade Gorton, 50,000 pounds; Rob Roy, 15,000 pounds. Yesterday was a big day for the gill netters, the fleet landing a total of about 65,000 pounds of fresh fish. Some of the big traps were brought in by the steamers Quoddy and Nomad, which had 9000 pounds each, the Ibsen, 6500 pounds and the Rough Rider and F. S. Willard, 5000 weight each.

The fish were of fine quality and all were shipped to the Boston market.

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Sch. Margie Turner, via Portland. Sch. Adeline, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish. Sch. Walter P. Goulart, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish. Sch. Mary F. Curtis, via Boston. Sch. Rob Roy, via Boston, 15,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Olga, salt trawl banking. Sch. Little Fannie, haddocking. Sch. Stranger, haddocking. Sch. Mary B. Greer, haddocking. Sch. Manomet, haddocking. Sch. Edith Silveria, haddocking.

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THE FISHERIES OF LABRADOR.

A Labrador fishing village, says an exchange, as the quaintest, raggedest spot on earth. City planning does not even reach the location of the house or the road rights. In the Magdalen Islands, where the land is more level, and there is soil enough to make it a consideration, the fish-houses are placed with some common regard for a roadway. The bait and tackle and other odoriferous material are kept in the lower story and the family sleeps, dines and sits in the single room above. In Labrador there is no such thing as a road to consider. There has never been a horse nor an ox to use it, nor has a traveler attempted to make one settlement from another by any other method of transportation than a boat. There is practically no soil, the bare, uneven mountainous rock sinking abruptly into deep water. The fish houses are built wherever a ledge of rock offers a foothold, and a staging of rough poles projects from the waterside door, approached from the water by a rickety ladder-work of poles, perhaps 10, perhaps 40 feet high. In Newfoundland, the fishing villages are clustered so closely to the water's edge that the village is built upwards instead of horizontally. A fisherman could spend his whole life at his work without touching ground. Up the side of a cliff the stagings, fish-houses, paths, god-flakes and houses will run, occupying, as at the Battery adjoining St. John's, not more than 40 or 50 feet of horizontal surface for a large village. Land residence is an unfortunate necessity that is simplified to its limit.

There the fishermen live and die as their fathers did before them for generations. Their work, their homes, their lives, they themselves, will always be absorbing to the visitor with a love for the picturesque. Indifferent and phlegmatic they may appear, but they take chances that would mean certain death from heart-failure or rashness to the more active. And through all their trials and perils they go on fishing, never really satisfied with the catch or conditions, but thoughtless of any other occupation than the catching of cod.

At Gaspe there is an interval of lobster catching that means money, but along the Labrador there is nothing from July until the ice forms again in October but cod, or, as they call it, "fish." The Magdalene is a motley fisherman—herring, cod, mackerel, haddock—but the Labrador fisherman lives, sleeps and smells of cod. His home is in Newfoundland, the many quaint towns of the east coast sending out almost all their men to the north country just as soon as ice opens a little in June. Early in that month the fishing schooners start on their long run down the coast, dodging through the ice fields, running into port in face of a storm or a threatening ice floe, and trusting more to Providence than to aught else for their safety. It is a fearsome run, that first trek northward, staking wooden bottom against grinding, inexorable ice; and many a Newfoundland home is empty from a losing risk. But the seemingly indolent, passive fisherman is willing to take the chances to secure an early choice of fishing ground. All summer through he spends his days on the water, his evenings splitting the day's catch, and his nights in the makeshift, shacks that are deemed sufficient covering for the three or four months' season in that northland. As few women now venture north, the fishermen must perform their own work in the treatment of the fish. They are unable to leave the fishing, to attend to the drying, with the result that many of them tempt the fate of a winter sail along an inhospitable deserted coast by remaining north until the middle of November, spending the last few weeks in carefully utilizing every ray of sunshine to make the best sale for their wares. And then the fight back through the ever-thickening ice and increasing storms is worse than the spring run.

Made a Fine Start.

Capt. Angus Hines of the sch. Massachusetts, a new comer in the winter fresh fishery has commenced the season very auspiciously. A few days ago he arrived from his first trip to Sable Island ground with a monster fare of codfish, aggregating 100,000 pounds, from which he realized the fine stock of \$2500. Capt. Hines was absent but 14 days and his large fare was secured in three days, which speaks well for this energetic skipper, who has always been a salt banking skipper of the first order.

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FRIDAY PRICES ARE QUITE LOW.

MARKET AT T WHARF DULL TODAY AND BUT FIVE VESSELS IN.

The fresh fish market at T wharf Boston, was very dull this morning, and although only four off shores and one market craft were at the dock, there was no great demand, while prices were down at the bottom notch.

Sch. Effie M. Prior brought in a nice trip, hailing for 90,000 pounds. Sch. Josie and Phoebe had 59,000 pounds, sch. Margaret Dillon, 75,000 pounds the steam trawler Spray, 43,000 pounds and sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 7000 pounds.

Off shore haddock sold at \$1.50 and shore haddock, \$3.50 a hundred. Large cod brought from \$2.50 to \$3.50; market cod, \$1.75 and hake, \$2 to \$3.50.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Spray, 40,000 haddock, 8000 cod. Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 6500 haddock, 500 cod. Sch. Effie M. Prior, 55,000 haddock, 34,000 cod. Sch. Margaret Dillon, 7000 haddock, 9000 cod, 40,000 hake, 7000 cusk, 1500 halibut. Sch. Josie and Phoebe, 27,000 haddock, 32,000 cod. Haddock, \$1.50 to \$3.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$2.50 to \$3.50; market cod, \$1.75; hake, \$2 to \$3.50.

COASTERS FITTING.

These Are Busy Days Down Along the Coast Of Maine.

All along the coast, and especially at Portland are the captains of the small coasting vessels, busy, says the Portland Press. They are getting ready for the spring rush. The warm weather has given an indication to them that the ice will not much longer hang in the harbors and that the spring trade will soon start.

Sails are being taken from places of storage, seams are being caulked where the oakum has come out. Spars are being scraped and paint is being applied wherever it may be needed. Everywhere that a schooner is hauled up the skippers and their men are busy with their work. Very few of the vessels ran all winter so that the great majority of the coasting fleet will have to return to commission. By the last of the month, the majority of the coasting fleet will have to return to commission. By the last of the month the majority of them will be back and freight will be rushed to points east.

EXTENDING PLANT.

Porter Fish Company At Anacortes Will Have Very Large Capacity.

Work will be started in the very near future in driving at the plant of the Porter Fish Company at Anacortes, Washington, whereby the dock of both the old Porter Fish company plant and the Robinson Fisheries Company, more recently acquired, will be extended to deep water. Also the Robinson Fisheries building will be built out to deep water as soon as the dock has been extended. Just the distance required to reach sufficient depth of water has not as yet been determined, but it will be from 225 to 250 feet, so that there will be an immense storage capacity in the building.

While tentative plans for the new building to be erected on the vacated portion of the street in front of the old buildings have been considered it has not as yet been finally decided whether the structure will be of brick or concrete.

SEALING SEASON ON.

Twenty-Two Newfoundland Steamers Off For the North Wednesday.

Preparations for the annual northward voyage of Newfoundland seal fishers were completed Tuesday night. At dawn Wednesday, 22 steamers, carrying 4400 men, steamed out of St. John's, N. F., harbor and headed toward the north in search of seals.

Two new steamers are on their way to St. John's from England to participate in the seal fishing. Upon their arrival at Newfoundland the steamers will be fitted out with men and will join in the hunt.

Conditions this season are favorable for a large catch.